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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. DASCHLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SERVICE CONNECTION FOR CERTAIN DISABIL-**
4 **ITIES RELATING TO EXPOSURE TO IONIZING**
5 **RADIATION OR DIOXIN.**

6 Section 5 of the Veterans' Dioxin and Radiation Ex-
7 posure Compensation Standards Act (Public Law 98-542;
8 98 Stat. 2725; 38 U.S.C. 1154 note) is amended by add-
9 ing at the end the following new subsection:

1 “(d) The regulations prescribed under this section
2 may not prohibit, or be construed to prohibit, a veteran
3 from establishing pursuant to section 1110 of title 38,
4 United States Code, service connection for a disease or
5 disability that the veteran claims to be the result of the
6 veteran’s exposure to ionizing radiation or dioxin during
7 a period of service referred to in subsection (a)(1), not-
8 withstanding that such regulations do not specify that the
9 disease or disability is a radiogenic disease or a disease
10 or disability associated with dioxin.”.

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